

BENNINGS RACES IN RAIN AND MUD

Oaklawn Makes Good Run, Defeating T. S. Martin After Close Match.

BOHEMIA WINS THE EVENT

Favorite and Santa Catalina Go to Try for Carter Handicap at Aqueduct Saturday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—Rain fell here all last night and continued during the greater part of the day. The sport under such circumstances was not brilliant, and with reduced fields due to scratches, at least two of the contents saw proper odds on favorites, in which one win and the other was beaten. The most interesting event of the day was the race won by Wm. Skid's good colt, Oaklawn, who was given a public trial for the Washington Nursery, and who made good so cleverly in defeating T. S. Martin that many declared the stake would be won by the son of Toronado. He bore out on the turn, and Burns was compelled to pull a bit on his bridle to keep him from losing too much ground, but once in the stretch Oaklawn easily took the pacemaker, T. S. Martin, in a bumping match with him, and won by a slight margin.

Another significant performance was that of Bohemia in the opening event. She had only Tramtor and Jane Holly to beat, but ran clean away from them, and the only interest was in the struggle for second place, which was won by Jane Holly. Bohemia and her stable companion, Santa Catalina, will be shipped from Benning to Aqueduct on Friday, April 14th, to start in the Carter Handicap the following day. Despite Santa Catalina's excellent races here, the stable seems to prefer Bohemia's chances. Her weight is ninety pounds, while Santa Catalina has ninety-five pounds.

In spite of the great amount of rain there was an excellent foundation to the sea of slop which encircled the course, and a track record was equalled when Frank Kelly's Veribest, full sister to Opal Kelly, won the first race, defeating T. S. Martin and the other two horses.

Summary.

First race—five and a half furlongs—Bohemia (1 to 5) first, Jane Holly (6 to 1) second, Tramtor (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:11.

Second race—four and a half furlongs—Oaklawn (11 to 20) first, T. S. Martin (2 to 1) second, St. Sephe (30 to 1) third. Time, 1:06 3/4.

Third race—seven furlongs—Pascor (5 to 6) first, Parkville (100 to 1) second, Tolson (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:32 1/2.

Fourth race—four and a half furlongs—Veribest (7 to 10) first, Gentian (12 to 1) second, Main (6 to 5) third. Time, 1:05 1/2.

Fifth race—mile—Yeoman (3 to 1) first, Amber Jack (6 to 5) second, Wadell (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:44.

Sixth race—one mile and 100 yards—Fairbury (6 to 1) first, Warranted (7 to 1) second, Gold Dome (1 to 3) third. Time, 1:54.

Results at City Park.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 5.—

First race—six furlongs—Melodious (12 to 1) first, Golden Flower (6 to 1) second, Golden Flower (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:19 1/2.

Second race—five furlongs—Favorita (2 to 1) first, McClues (5 to 1) second, Marimbo (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:06 3/4.

Third race—mile and a quarter—Daisy (10 to 1) first, Golden Flower (6 to 1) second, Postman (6 to 1) third. Time, 2:14.

Fourth race—six furlongs—Charlie Dickson (5 to 1) first, Nevada (10 to 1) second, Bob (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:16 1/4.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Laneshire (5 to 1) first, Daisy (6 to 1) second, Fila (6 to 5) third. Time, 1:18.

Sixth race—mile—Flight (7 to 1) first, Annie L. (11 to 1) second, Jacob (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:47 1/2.

Racing at Memphis.

(By Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5.—The fourth race was the feature of the day at Montgomery Park and was won rather handsomely by the favorite, Otto Stifel, from Leon-



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MURDERED AND THEN BURNED

(Continued From First Page.)

Thompson remarked that he was extremely unlucky; that his first wife and her two children had died the same year. Since he has been accused of the murder of his second wife, the circumstances under which his first family died are regarded as suspicious. He was ploughing at Belmont when Jarman, the mail carrier, stopped in the road and called to him the news of the burning. He went to the fire.

"They tell me a family was burned up here last night," he said to those about the smoking ashes. "I expected it."

Swears to Cruelty.

He did not manifest sorrow as deep as his neighbors thought the circumstances justified and called for. Young Thompson, the fifteen-year-old son of Mrs. Thompson by her first husband, who was also named Thompson, avowed to the story of cruelty to his mother by his stepfather. Young Thompson works for a farmer over the mountain several miles from where his mother resided and died. He is a boy of more than the average intelligence of youths of his class. He says Thompson drove him from home, and that he choked and beat Thompson the Sunday before her death.

The youth says he went home on that day to get some clean clothing. Thompson had forbidden his wife to wash for him. Young Thompson was in the yard with his mother when his stepfather was seen coming up the road. Thompson at once threw stones at his stepfather, who ran away. Young Thompson says he came back when his stepfather had gone and his mother said he had beaten her. The boy told a man in the community he was afraid to tell "all he knew." Thompson says he and his wife had not separated.

The case is being handled by Mr. Smith, who says Thompson used to buy family supplies and take them home. He has bought nothing for home, so far as known, for about two months.

It is said Mrs. Thompson more than once brought her children two miles down the mountain, through the snow to their father and begged him to save her and them from starvation, and that he sent them back unmoved to pity and help. I could not confirm this absolutely.

The Woman in the Case.

It is time "the woman in the case" was appearing. I have been searching for her. She is not definitely located.

There is a family living over the mountain two or three miles from the side of the Thompson home. Thompson used to spend evenings there "playing cards," he said.

Mrs. Thompson is said to have opposed her husband's visits to this neighbors, thought it is not known that there was reason for jealousy, nor is anything known against the character of the family.

I have reason to believe that a young woman who works in Charlottesville can throw a flood of light on the tragedy. If murder was committed, I have not succeeded in finding her. She is from the Kewick neighborhood, some miles from where Mrs. Thompson and her babies died. I could not even learn her name. A man who has seen her and told me this afternoon she is probably the most beautiful type of the mountain girl he has ever seen. She has been in Charlottesville for some time. There are rumors linking her name and Thompson's. The clue is a slender one. But it may be the most important that will develop. The foregoing outlines the case against Thompson. It is far from a complete picture, but it will have to strengthen it very materially in order to justify Magistrate Williams in holding Thompson at the preliminary hearing to be held at Shadwell Tuesday.

Rumors Not Evidence.

Rumors and alleged admissions do not constitute evidence in the face of absolute contradiction by two witnesses. Thompson and his brother, by swearing they spent Friday night at Belmont farm, cast aspersions by positive declaration, about all that is now charged by the authorities.

There is deep interest in the Thompson case in the Kewick and Shadwell neighborhoods.

There is no excitement. Sentiment is unquestionably against the accused. But there is a deep and abiding interest in his case. The evidence of his guilt was discovered by a man who has no lynch law threats of violence. Contrary reports sent out from here do the community an injustice.

The people of Charlottesville are becoming more interested in the case. The obscurity of the parties and the remoteness of the locality accounts for a lack of interest in the tragedy manifested in this city. Shadwell is five miles east of Charlottesville. Kewick is three miles further in the same direction. The site of the Thompson home is three miles in a northerly direction from Kewick and about the same distance from Shadwell, in a northeasterly direction.

A Lonely Spot.

A more secluded and thoroughly lonely spot can scarcely be imagined. The nearest neighbor is two miles away. A scream for mercy would arouse but echoes. A call for help would fall upon the ears of the wind. The house is a small, one-story building, built of rough, leads away from the fine farms at the railroad towards the southwest range, in a hollow of which the Thompsons lived.

For three miles the road leads upward, through open fields, dense forests, along the brink of a precipitous mountain, in a mere trail. Half a mile from the summit a fresh wagon trail leads through a delf. Following this, one comes to a small stream, babbling on its way down the canyon. It was in this weird canyon, and on a precipitous and towering rock, that Thompson built his rude home. To-day only a burnt square of earth, dead embers, ashes, hinges and an old stove mark the spot.

A Faithful Friend.

Saturday afternoon, when the shades of dusk were falling, a citizen who passed the lonely spot found Mrs. Thompson's dog crouched near where the house had been, whining pitifully as a dog whines when its master is gone. The dog's name was "Buddy." The house, a miserable, plank "up and down" structure, was built three years ago by Mr. C. B. Hughes, a leading merchant of this city. He is related to Thompson. Thompson was brought from Panama county and put to live in the house, being employed as a lumberman. He lived there until about two months ago, when he rented Mr. Everett's farm.

The house consisted of two rooms, with a "lean-to," used as a kitchen. There was an unimproved platform on the upper side of the house, the side on which the kitchen stood. The house on the lower side was built on posts three feet high.

set in the earth. A door led from the kitchen onto the platform. Entrance to the house was from the upper side, through the kitchen. The first room was the "living room." The second had stored in it a quantity of corn shucks. The bed stood in the living room.

Suspicious Circumstance.

The Spouse children, who went to the Thompson home early Saturday to get garden seed, prompted their mother by Mrs. Thompson the preceding day, say Mrs. Thompson's body was lying at the end of the house in which was the shucks. This has caused the suspicion that the woman was murdered after the bodies placed in the shucks, which were then fired. The bodies of the children were found in the living room. Why should the murderer have sought to burn one body and not the other two?

George and Annie Sprague, aged twelve and fifteen, respectively, declare Mrs. Thompson's skull was lying some distance from the other bones of her body. The children, by using poles, dragged the bones of the woman and children from the embers. The arm and leg bones were consumed. Mrs. Thompson's skull was partially eaten up by the flames. When the roof fell in and the floor gave way the skull might have been separated from the vertebrae.

Was Literary.

Thompson says his wife often read at night, and the fire may have originated from the lamp. It is known to have started shortly before dawn. She would hardly have been reading at that hour. The charred bones of the mother and children were collected Saturday afternoon and placed in a coffin. The remains were brought in a vehicle to Mr. Everett's place that night. Early Sunday morning Thompson, accompanied by his brother and a colored driver, started to Antioch Church, in Plummer county, fifteen miles away, with the remains. Here many of Mrs. Thompson's people are buried. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon. Thompson and his brother came back that night. Monday morning they were playing cards. Even this fact is looked upon as suspicious. Thompson is a poor man. Mr. Everett says he is a hard working man. He is of a sober habit. He knew no way to spend the day, immediately following his wife's death, but in work.

The charge of murder made against Thompson is far from being established. The facts thus far do not even establish that a murder was committed.

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